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RE: Patent Application Serial No. 09/064,000
Applicant: James P. Elia
Filed: April 21, 1998
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
INSTALLATION OF DENTAL IMPLANT
SECOND STATUS INQUIRY

Sir:

A Final Rejection was issued on October 20, 2005, and Applicant responded thereto on December 2, 2005. To date, Applicant has not yet received an Advisory Action. The six-month period following the Final Rejection expired on April 20, 2006. Applicant filed a Notice of Appeal on April 18, 2006 to avoid abandonment of the application.

Applicant filed a Status Inquiry regarding the issuance of an Advisory Action on March 9, 2006. To date, no response has been received.

Applicant urgently requires receipt of an Advisory Action indicating the status of the application in order to have time to prepare its Appeal Brief. As of this date, more than two weeks of Applicant's 60-day time period have passed, thereby shortening Applicant's effective time to file its Appeal Brief and possibly requiring Applicant to obtain an otherwise needless extension of time.

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Applicant again points out that the instant application has been pending since 1998, should have been accorded **Special Status** during prosecution, and is subject to term erosion. Obviously, prosecution of this case should proceed within the tenets of compact prosecution.

Accordingly, Applicant requests an immediate notification of the status of the instant application and issuance of an Advisory Action.

Respectfully submitted,



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